



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY
MAY 3, 2019

WHEREAS, Arbor Day in North Dakota falls on the first Friday in the month of May and honors the role trees play in our lives; and tree planting is an annual tradition in North Dakota and an investment in the State's future; and

WHEREAS, healthy, diverse tree resources are vital components of any urban and rural planting efforts and particularly in re-establishment efforts following catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, trees make direct and visible contributions to our health, safety and economy by providing clean air and water, wind protection and erosion control, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, essential wood products and beauty; and


WHEREAS, trees instill community pride, work as living snow fences, screen unpleasant sights, increase property values and memorialize significant events; and

WHEREAS, tree planting efforts continue to promote the importance of trees and symbolize a commitment to the past, present and future by creating a living legacy; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Forest Service will join the City of New Rockford on May 29, 2019, to celebrate Arbor Day and commemorate the catastrophic straight-line windstorm that damaged buildings, infrastructure and trees just 11 months ago; participants will plant a memorial tree and take part in a community-wide tree planting project to replace trees as a testament to the community's resilience and faith in the future; and

WHEREAS, planting trees leaves a valuable gift for future generations to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 3, 2019, **ARBOR DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State